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1. MAN OF THE YEAR: PORTUGUESE PRESS CARRIED REPORTS
OF "TIME" INTERVIEW AND DESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT-ELECT
CARTER AS "MAN OF THE YEAR." MOST PAPERS PICKED UP
REPORT OF POSSIBLE CARTER-BRESHNEW MEETING.

2. CARTER APPOINTMENTS: "O DIA" INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
WRITER MANUEL RODRIGUES PUBLISHED TWO COLUMNS ON CARTER
APPOINTMENTS DECEMBER 28.

A. ON SECDEF BROWN, RODRIGUES WROTE BROWN WAS A SUPPORTER
OF THE B-1 BOMBER AND CITED ANTHONY LEWIS "INTERNATIONAL
HERALD TRIBUNE" ARTICLE STATING THAT BROWN SUPPORTED
EXCALATION OF THE VIETNAMESE WAR AT A LATE DATE. RODRIGUES
ADDED, "LOOKING AT THE FACTS, IT APPEARS THAT CARTER DID
NOT CHOOSE A LIBERAL, AS HIS CRITICS FEARED. HAROLD BROWN WILL
PROBABLY BE A SECRETARY OF DEFENSE SIMILAR TO HIS
PREDECESSORS. HOWEVER, HE WILL HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF
BEING LESS WELL KNOWN, THEREFORE NOT PREJUDICING
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BEFOREHAND THE POLICY OF DEFENSE THAT THE U.S. PROPOSES
TO FOLLOW."

B. ON SECSTATE VANCE, RODRIGUES SPECULATED ON FUTURE
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN VANCE AND ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI OF NSC.
HE CONCLUDED THAT, UNLIKE SECSTATE WILLIAM ROGERS - NSC
KISSINGER RELATIONSHIP, BRZEZINSKI WILL NOT ASSUME

"KISSINGER AS A MODEL" AND ATTEMPT TO DOMINATE THE MAKING
OF FOREIGN POLICY.

3. COMMUNIST PRESS: "O DIARIO" DECEMBER 28 CARRIED
SCATHING ATTACK ON U.S. LOAN IN ARTICLE ENTITLED, FOREIGN
DEBT AND IMPERIALIST STRATEGY, STATING THAT INTERNATIONAL
MONETARY FUND WAS AN ORGANIZATION ENTIRELY CONTROLLED BY
"AMERICAN IMPERIALISM" AND UNDER ITS SUPERVISION OF THE
LOAN, PORTUGAL" WILL ALWAYS BE AN UNDEVELOPED COUNTRY,
SUPPLYING CHEAP LABOR FOR CAPITALIST ECONOMIES."
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